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AMENDMENT

Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2008, on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend time to respond for two months, from January 2, 2009, to March 2, 2009, is filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.